

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of this order, the President retains discretion, consistent with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, to depart from this order in designating an acting Secretary.

Sec. 4. Revocation. Executive Order 13250 of December 28, 2001 (Providing An Order of Succession Within the Department of Health and Human Services), and the President's memorandum of March 19, 2002 (Designation of Officers of the Department of Health and Human Services), are hereby revoked.

George W. Bush

The White House,
February 15, 2008.

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NOTE: This Executive order will be published in the *Federal Register* on February 20.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 9

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 10

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

February 11

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Annette Lantos, wife of Representative Thomas P. Lantos, and Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to express his condolences for the death of Representative Lantos. Then, in the National Security Adviser's office, he dropped by a meeting between National Se-

curity Adviser Stephen J. Hadley and Prime Minister Salam Fayyad of the Palestinian Authority.

The White House announced that the President will meet with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the White House on February 15.

February 12

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, at the historic Evermay house, the President attended a Republican National Committee luncheon.

During the day, in the Roosevelt Room, the President attended National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley's meeting with the Helping to Enhance the Livelihood of People (HELP) Around the Globe Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Peter E. Cianchette to be Ambassador to Costa Rica.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jeffrey Robert Brown to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund as well as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund.

The President announced his intention to nominate the following individuals to be members of the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board: Perri Klass; Katherine Mitchell; Eduardo J. Padron; Alexa E. Posny; Timothy Shanahan; and Richard Kenneth Wagner.

The President announced his intention to nominate Hyepin Christine Im and Layshae Ward to be members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

February 13

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

February 14

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki of Iraq and Speaker Mahmud al-Mashhadani, First Deputy Speaker Khalid

al-Atiya, and Second Deputy Speaker Arif Tayfur of the Iraqi House of Representatives.

In the evening, in the Blue Room, the President and Mrs. Bush hosted a Valentine's Day social dinner followed by a performance in the East Room by entertainer Denise Thimes.

The President announced his intention to nominate Stephen J. Nolan to be Ambassador to Botswana.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph Evan LeBaron to be Ambassador to Qatar.

The President announced that he has named Christopher Michel as Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Sara Armstrong as Special Assistant to the President.

The President announced that he has named Meghan Clyne as Special Assistant to the President for Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Matthew Latimer as Special Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of Speechwriting.

The President announced that he has named Mark J. Webber as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for South and Central Asian Affairs in the National Security Council.

February 15

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Northern Illinois University President John G. Peters to express his condolences for the victims of the February 14 campus shooting. Then, in the Oval Office, he met with Minister of Foreign Affairs Saud al-Faysal bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Cotonou, Benin, arriving the following morning.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will welcome His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI to the White House on April 16.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph A. Benkert to be Assistant

Secretary of Defense (Global Security Affairs).

The President announced his intention to nominate Carol Dillon Kissal to be Inspector General of the Small Business Administration.

The President announced his designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Seoul, Republic of Korea, to attend the inauguration of President Lee Myung-bak on February 25: Condoleezza Rice (head of delegation); Alexander R. Vershbow; Wendy Cutler; Gen. Burwell B. Bell; Andy Groseta; William R. Rhodes; and Hines Ward.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted February 12

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Thomas R. Saving.

Jeffrey Robert Brown, of Illinois, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund for a term of 4 years, vice Thomas R. Saving.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for the remainder of the term expiring October 6, 2008, vice Henry Lozano, resigned.

Hyepin Christine Im, of California, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2013 (reappointment).